

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0907**

June 28, 2010

The Honorable Carlton Henley  
Chairman  
LYNX Board of Directors  
455 North Garland Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Carlton:

With the departure of the LYNX Chief Executive Officer, Linda Watson, I think this might be the appropriate time to consider a possible alternative approach to the administration and operation of LYNX's multi-county transit system.

As the Board of Directors considers possible replacements to lead the agency, it might also solicit requests from private operators to both manage and operate our multi-county bus transit system. I understand that LYNX currently contracts out its paratransit services. It may be possible to turn the operations of some or all of the fixed-route bus system over to a private contract vendor and realize short- and long-term savings. Nationally, more than 15 percent of fixed-route bus services are provided by private operators under contract to transit agencies.

While I greatly respect the manner in which you and other Board Members have lead LYNX, I believe it is always important that we consider potentially viable opportunities that may be in the best interest of the taxpayer and the community. If the proposal has merit and can save money, I hope it will be considered. I know you will continue to do your best to make decisions to improve transportation services across the region with the utmost care and consideration.

Thank you for your service. I would be glad to discuss this proposed initiative at any time. I also make available Joyce Rose, Staff Director of the Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, and any other House Transportation and Infrastructure staff to assist you on this or any other matter.

With my regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,



John L. Mica  
Member of Congress